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TODAY'S SMILE
Cop to barfly: "You're not going to drive!"
Drunk: "Sure I am, I'm in no condition to walk."

County Bar Asks Revision of Tax-Collection System



DESTROYED by fire of undetermined origin Saturday afternoon on the Dellwood road, about four miles from Waynesville. Loss was estimated at \$2,500. (Mountaineer Photo).

Revision of the county's present tax-collection system is asked in a resolution passed by the Haywood County Bar Association on August 24 and disclosed Friday by Glenn W. Brown, president of the bar.

The resolution labels the present tax record setup as "cumbersome" and urges an investigation to establish "a more workable system."

Signed by Mr. Brown, the resolution reads:

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the present system of keeping the tax records of Haywood County is cumbersome and places an undue burden upon the employees of the Tax Department, the Members of the Bar, and all other persons interested in investigating the tax records; that said system will become increasingly cumbersome and unworkable within a period of a few years;

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an investigation be made of other methods of levying and collecting taxes and keeping tax records in order to arrive at a system that will be more satisfactory to the County, Members of the Bar and all persons who have occasion to use the tax records;

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to this end, that a committee from the Haywood County Bar Association, to act for said Bar Association, be appointed by the President of the Association to confer with the County Commissioners, County Tax Collectors, and other County officials in this connection;

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be placed in the hands of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Tax Collector."

The above resolution was passed at a regular meeting of the Bar Association held on August 24, 1954, and in accordance with this resolution, I hereby appoint the following committee: William Medford, chairman; Alvin T. Ward and James H. Howell, Jr.



DR. CHARLES F. BOSS, JR., is chairman of the conference on World Order and Peace now being held at Lake Junaluska.

World Peace Meet Opens Today At Lake Junaluska

Methodist peace leaders will convene at Lake Junaluska Sept. 6-8, to participate in the Southeastern states regional conference on World Order and Peace.

Members and chairmen of Annual conference Peace commissions will join with representatives of the Central jurisdiction for the discussion of plans to implement the Crusade for World Order in the annual conferences of the Southeastern and Central jurisdictions.

Not primarily a speakers' conference, the meeting is aimed at consultation and planning as well as creative discussion on the part of individual board members.

Chairman of the conference is Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., Chicago, Executive secretary of the Board of World Peace, The Rev. Carl D. Soule, Field secretary, and Herman Will, Jr., Administrative secretary, both of Chicago, will attend the sessions.

Hunting Trip Mishap Kills Canton GI

Pvt. Bobby E. Sanford, 18, of Canton, died Thursday night in a Johnson City, Tenn., hospital of a rifle wound.

Sanford was accidentally shot Wednesday by a companion while hunting near Mountain City, Tenn., the family has been advised by investigating officers.

Pvt. Sanford was stationed at Fort Bragg. He was a native of Haywood County and had served in the U. S. Army since last March.

Surviving are the stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Medford of Canton; the father, Robert Sanford of Miami, Fla.; one half-brother, Bruce Edwin Medford of the home; and one half-sister, Wanda Medford of the home.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Wells Funeral Home. Funeral services were held for Sanford Sunday at 3 p. m., in the Maple Grove Baptist church.

The Rev. Lush Rogers and the Rev. George Ingle officiated and burial was in the Piney Grove Methodist church cemetery.

Members of the 30th Signal Corps, Canton unit of the National Guard, were pallbearers and conducted military rites at the graveside.

Moody Family Reunion Planned For Sunday

A reunion of the Moody family will be held on Sunday, September 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Platt, Sr., on the Soco Gap Road.

Relatives and friends are invited to bring a picnic basket for dinner on the ground.

Parents: Be Certain Your Child Has Birth Certificate

Because of the fact that the county now directs that children entering schools for the first time have a birth certificate as provided by state law, many parents in Haywood County are now having "certificate trouble."

Parents without these valuable certificates are finding to their surprise and consternation that the county register of deeds has no record whatever of their child's birth.

Present North Carolina statutes make it mandatory that birth certificates be filled out within five days of a birth occurring in the state. This is to be done by doctors when they are in attendance at births. In their absence, midwives or parents are to fill out the necessary forms.

Failure to submit these certificates is construed by the state as a misdemeanor and is punishable by fine and possible imprisonment.

Mrs. Ruby Bryson, acting head of the Haywood County Health Department, explained that when birth certificates are filed properly and on time the parents will receive a photostatic copy from the state within three months.

Whenever parents do not receive these photostats in three months, Mrs. Bryson urged them to check with their doctor or the Health Department to determine why birth certificates have not been submitted to the local registrar — in this case, the Health Department.

Birth certificates are extremely important to persons throughout life and are often needed for entrance in college, and to obtain jobs, insurance, social security, and passports, Mrs. Bryson added.

Parents of children over five years of age who do not have birth certificates, can file "delayed" applications for certificates at the office of the county register of deeds.

Ex-Letter Carrier Delivers Goods On Waynesville

Everybody knows about the bus driver who took a drive on his day off, but here comes the retired postman who delivered a load of printed matter on his vacation.

Howell McCracken of Ninevah is the busy carrier, and what he carried deserves a lot of credit.

When he and Mrs. McCracken set out this summer on an extensive tour of the mid-west and Canada, he took along, as he puts it, "a bushel basket of Waynesville literature." Everywhere he stopped, along that hot and dusty trip, he left booklets telling of the cool green setting of Waynesville.

That he believed in what he was selling is proved by his remark after returning from the broad plains of the Dakotas, Nebraska, the grandeur of Niagara Falls: "We enjoyed the trip and the scenery, but the prettiest sight of all was the first sight of the home place right here at Ninevah."

Dellwood Road Home Destroyed By Saturday Fire

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a four-room frame house on the Soco Gap Road some four miles west of Waynesville about 5 p. m. Saturday.

The house was rented by Fred L. Moody and occupied by six people. All were in the house when the blaze was discovered and escaped unharmed.

Loss was estimated at \$2,500 by Fire Chief Felix Stovall of Waynesville. The Waynesville Fire Department answered the alarm and kept the flames from spreading to an adjoining house.

There were three children in the family which lost all clothing and household goods. The children are Raymond, 14; Peggy, 10; and Fred, 8.

A nearby tobacco crop was damaged heavily by heat from the flames, firemen reported.

Area Group Oppose Higher Tax Being Placed On Gas

Oil men from Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Cherokee Counties went on record here last Thursday night against any further increase in the state gasoline tax, saying that any increase would give North Carolina the "questionable distinction" of charging the highest gasoline tax in the country.

Presiding at the meeting was Robert E. Allison, chairman of the Haywood County Petroleum Industries Committee. Also speaking briefly were J. C. Keeter, and J. H. Duncan, chairmen of the committees in Swain, and Cherokee Counties, respectively.

S. Gilmer Sparger, executive secretary of the state committee, and W. A. Parker, executive secretary of the North Carolina Oil Association, were the principal speakers.

Sparger pointed out that the tax load on gasoline was equal to a 41 percent sales tax. "The 7-cent state tax, the inspection tax of one-quarter of a cent, and a 2-cent federal tax add up to a total of nine and one-quarter cents on each gallon of gasoline," he explained. "They also take more than \$95,000,000 annually from North Carolina motorists," he said.

Parker, discussing the overall state tax burden asserted, "The gasoline tax is one place where we should hold the line. If the rate would exceed that of Virginia by two and one-quarter cents per gallon and South Carolina by one and one-eighth cents."

Parker predicted any hike in the state gasoline tax would adversely affect gasoline sales in North Carolina, "particularly in the border counties where motorists could easily buy their gasoline outside the state."

Thirty-two attended the meeting from five counties.

CDP At Iron Duff To Discuss Conservation

A talk on soil conservation will be given by Roy Beck, conservation specialist, at a meeting of the Iron Duff CDP organization at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday at Davis Chapel, has been announced.

Chairman of the Iron Duff CDP is Jack Ray.

Bethel School Receives \$15,000

An allocation of \$15,000 for Bethel School was included in the total of \$614,536 allocated by the State Board of Education from the first half of the \$50,000,000 state school building fund, bringing to \$5,138,645 the amount already earmarked from the fund.

The Bethel allocation will be used on the water and sewerage system at the new school building there.

The state board at Raleigh held up for further study a request from the State School Board Association that teachers be paid on a calendar-year basis. Teachers presently are paid in nine checks covering the nine months of the school year.

Sutton Reunion Set For Sunday At Cove Creek

The annual Sutton family reunion will be held on Sunday, September 12, at the home of Hobert Franklin at Cove Creek. All relatives have been invited to come and to bring a picnic basket for lunch at 12:30.

Last year's reunion drew over a hundred persons, many of them from out of state.



BETHEL SCORED in the Canton-Bethel game Saturday night as Toby Capps bulled over the goal for Bethel's only score. This game opened the 10-game season for Haywood's four football teams. The game was played in Canton before 5,000 fans. Other pictures and details on page four. (Mountaineer Photo).

Large Crowds Attending All Labor Day Program Events

Perfect Weather Prevails For The 4-Day Celebration

As most business throughout the county was suspended to honor the occasion, indications were that the 48th annual Labor Day celebration at Canton would draw a record attendance. Turner Cathey, chairman of the event, attributed the crowd to the well-nigh perfect weather and the high quality of the program of entertainment. He predicted some 12,000 spectators at today's events.

The Highway Patrol was reported to be very well satisfied thus far with the results of its safety campaign. Despite the usual heavy Labor Day traffic, only two minor accidents were reported.

As The Mountaineer went to press this morning, the "biggest parade of all" was getting set. Parade Chairman Glen Simmons estimated that it would take an hour to pass any given point. Following the parade, there will be foot races for Negro youngsters at 11:30 a. m., and for white children at 12:30 p. m.

The afternoon program will start at 1 p. m. with the annual horse show sponsored by the Canton Saddle and Bridle Club. A newly set-up Palomino class will be included in those for which a total of 120 ribbons and 17 trophies will be awarded. Among the judges is Mrs. Elsie Edwards of Waynesville, who will judge equitation entries.

Platform entertainment is scheduled for 2 p. m. to include singers, dancers and other talent.

At 4 p. m. the Canton Eagles will take on the Cullowhee All-Stars at the high school diamond. More platform entertainment comes up at 7 p. m. with special emphasis on square dance teams and string bands. To close out the week end program, awards will be given by Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and Kiwanis Club.

Saturday night some 5000 persons jammed into the Canton High stadium to watch the selection of Miss Marianna Moon, blond Canton high school junior, as queen of the celebration, with Miss Margaret Wykle as attendant. Fourteen young ladies competed for the crown. Bill Shull managed the program. Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hamlin Baker and B. M. Middleton.

As the queen retired to prepare (See Labor Day — Page 5)

Holiday Weekend Is Unmarred By Serious Accidents

Several relatively minor accidents in Haywood County were reported during the first part of the Labor Day weekend, but no injuries were involved. Another accident was reported by Waynesville police.

A taxicab driven by Albert Early knocked down a light pole near Ray's Flower Shop on South Main St. about 1 a. m. today, according to Police Chief Orville Noland.

Early told police his brakes failed. Damage to the cab, owned by Bob Kelly, was estimated at between \$350 and \$400.

Among arrests made by police were three on charges of driving drunk.

7 Blue Ribbons Awarded At Annual Pullet Show

(See pictures pages 3 and 8)

Seven blue ribbons, one red, and two white were awarded to Haywood County 4-H Club members at the annual pullet show and sale on the courthouse lawn Friday afternoon.

Blue ribbon winners were Neal Allison of Bethel, Carroll Browning of Bethel, Alice Leopard of Ratcliffe Cove, Wayne Ferguson of Maggie, Bobby Hunter of Fines Creek, David and Linda Hipps of Beaverdam, and Tommy Massie of Waynesville. The red ribbon went to Gene Glance of Crabtree, and the white ribbons to Joe and Charles Harris of Thickety, and Tommy Kirkpatrick of Crabtree.

The pullets were given to 4-H Club members at the Farmers Federation in February and raised by the youngsters to gain experience in proper care of poultry and keeping satisfactory records of growth, mortality and egg production.



LABOR DAY QUEEN, Miss Mariana Moon, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moon of Canton, was named Queen of the 48th Canton Labor Day celebration Saturday night before about 5,000 people, in the Canton Stadium just prior to the Canton-Bethel football game. Miss Margaret Wykle, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wykle was runnerup. The coronation was held at Camp Hope shortly afterwards, with each of the contestants receiving a watch. Miss Moon also received a \$100 scholarship to Berea College. This picture was made just after she was acclaimed queen. (Mountaineer Photo).

Doctors At Work On 1955 Medical Assembly Here

Favorable comments of the first Mountain Top Medical Assembly held here in June continue to come in, and are serving as an inspiration for the second annual Assembly which will be held late in June of 1955.

Dr. R. S. Roberson said he plans to attend the South Carolina meeting and make a personal invitation to the doctors of the Palmetto State, while others will attend similar meetings in Georgia and Tennessee as well as this state.

In a recent issue of "The Tar Heel Practitioner," Dr. John R. Bender, editor of Winston-Salem, said:

"Dr. Dickey, Lange, and Deutscher, who spoke at the First Mountain Top Medical Assembly in Waynesville, June 25th, all write: 'Thanks for the many kindnesses enjoyed while attending this meeting. Our visit to North Carolina was most pleasant and we feel that this was due chiefly to the perfect hospitality extended to us by everyone.'"

"They all extend best wishes to many friends in the Waynesville district, and leave the impression that they would even consider an invitation to appear on the program again in the future."

"The doctors of Haywood county and the Tenth District need have no fear of getting a program in the future. The word has 'got around' that the meeting June 25th was too good for anyone to miss."

"Even the hardest to please would have to be satisfied with the First Mountain Top Medical Assembly. Let's hope they have another Assembly in 1955."

Dr. Roberson said that present indications are that about 300 will be here in 1955, as compared with 120 here this year.

"This Assembly has the potential of growing into something really big, and it is to this end that we are now at work on the second Assembly for 1955," he said.

Highway Record For 1954 In Haywood (TO DATE) Killed . . . 2 Injured . . . 31

(This information compiled from Records of State Highway Patrol.)

People Than Are Reading The Mountaineer

